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SUBJ: DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XXIV:6 WITH PERMREPS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1240

1. WELLENSTEIN CALLED FEBRUARY 28 TO REPORT ON THE
DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS IN THE
COMMITTEE OF PERMREPS (COREPER). HE SAID HE HAD MADE
THE FACTUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS AS
PLANNED, PLUS A STATEMENT ON TIMING ALONG THE LINES SET
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OUT IN PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REFTTEL.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE ARTICLE XXVIII TIME LIMIT, WELLENSTEIN SAID HE HAD TOLD THE COREPER THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE COMMUNITY POSITION THAT THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD BEGINS TO RUN ONLY WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BROKEN DOWN. SINCE THERE WAS NO CHANGE ON WELLENSTEIN'S STATEMENT, HE CONSIDERS THAT THE MEMBER STATES HAVE ACCEPTED THIS THESIS, AND THE COMMISSION WILL PROCEED ON THAT BASIS.

3. ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS, WELLENSTEIN SAID HE HAD TOLD THE COREPER THAT THE COMMISSION WAS PROCEEDING IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS AND WOULD BE MAKING A FULL REPORT TO THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING. THE ONLY COMMENT ON THIS PART OF WELLENSTEIN'S PRESENTATION WAS BY ONE MEMBER STATE WHICH SAID THAT IT HAD CONFIDENCE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE SITUATION. IN RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY, WELLENSTEIN SAID THAT THIS COMMENT CAME FROM A FRIENDLY" MEMBER STATE.

4. WELLENSTEIN SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF HIS MEETING WITH THE COREPER AND SAID THAT SOAMES WOULD BE FOLLOWING THE SAME SCENARIO IN THE COUNCIL ON MARCH 4-5. ASKED WHETHER HE NOW CONSIDERED THAT THE COMMISSION FELT FREE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS IF THE DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL WENT THE SAME WAY, WELLENSTEIN REPLIED THAT THE COREPER HAD IN HIS VIEW "PRIS ACTE" WHICH WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN "HAD TAKEN NOTE" OF THE REPORT AND "HAD ACCEPTED" IT.

5. PRIOR TO WELLENSTEIN TELEPHONE CALL, WE HAD RECEIVED A SEPARATE REPORT FROM ONE OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION THAT CONFIRMED WELLENSTEIN'S ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING. GREENWALD

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